Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21st 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for the Weekend of October 28th

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Theme: God knows and sees our hearts.

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to be humble, but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

Question for Youth: God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular? How does it feel to do something that you know in your heart is good and just?

Question for Adults: This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we humble ourselves? What does that mean?

Monday, October 22nd
Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Tuesday, October 23rd
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
No Daily Liturgy – Fr. Mark's Day Off
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 24th
Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
5:30 p.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours

Thursday, October 25th
Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: For those serving our country
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, October 26th
Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: For all who have lost a loved one
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours

Saturday, October 27th
Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: For Amy & JJ as they enter into the vocation of marriage today.
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Food Pantry
3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For the OLBH Community

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Betsy VanAsma*
Altar Servers: *Courtney Cassen, Megan & Gina Czmowski**
Blood: *Jacqui Blaha, Greg & Nancy Sass, Brenda Czmowski*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors: *Cathy Wang & Chad Thies*
Sacristans: *John & Cathy Wang*
Ushers: *Charlie Cresalia & Jami Korton*
Choir: *Lori Miller*

Sunday, October 28th
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
8:00 a.m. -- Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: In thanksgiving to the parish of Timberlake for sharing their wisdom

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Brianna Quinn, Matthew & Christopher VanAsma*
Blood: *Marty Quinn, Betsy VanAsma, Mary & Dean Antonsen*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors: *Judy & Reeny Wilson*
Sacristans: *Marc & Brenda Jacobs*
Ushers: *Tom VanAsma & Frank Boner*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Jim Schable

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Katie & David Strand, Mattias Didriksen*
Blood: *Christine Didriksen, Stephanie Strand, Kathy & Ken VanAsma*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors: *Bernadette & John Usera*
Sacristans: *Ken & Kathy VanAsma*
Ushers: *The Weaver Family*
Choir: *Lori Miller*

7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

Sparks from Sr. Joan & Teresa

Sunday, October 14th we had the privilege to participate in the Middle School Youth Rally in Belle Fourche. Thirteen youth, two parents, Fr. Mark, Sr. Joan, and Teresa attended. There were 350 attendees altogether. The theme was **iGod, Faith Download.** The youth were encouraged by Anna Scally, from Cornerstone Media, to look at themselves in a mirror and to see themselves as God sees them. This is something we all can do! God loves us and blesses us. If we do this, we can better understand our gifts and how to reflect God to one another. Anna also spoke about good and bad music and how it influences their lives. Check out cornerstonemedia.org to see a list of positive prayerful songs. Here are a few songs from the list:

Far Away / Nickelback
Message: Being separated from love is a painful experience. Getting back to love is a process of forgiveness and second chances.

Life is a Highway / Rascal Flatts
Message: Life is a long and unpredictable journey. Traveling this road together with others brings us closer together.

So Long Self / MercyMe
Message: Learning that there is more to life than our immediate needs is a huge step in personal growth.

Angel Dean, "Dork," (truly that is what this humble man wanted the youth to call him) shared a wonderful story of his own miracle of God's grace. He also does a great Scooby Doo impersonation. He really knew how to reach the youth.

We were sent forth with Mass and Adoration. One of our own, Erica Graham, was a lector at Mass and she did an awesome job!

Our youth had fun singing, dancing, learning and sharing their faith with other middle school youth in the diocese. We can't wait until next year and we encourage any middle school youth to attend!

-Sr. Joan and Teresa

Prayer List

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.

Improved Health: Shirley Little Thunder Steve Williams, George Senn, Helen Barber, Darren Eckstein, Joe Creek

Please Pray for Us!

There will be 22 attendees traveling by bus from Rapid City to Columbus, Ohio, for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 8-10. The theme is "Discover the Way." Please keep us in your prayers for a safe and faith-filled journey.

Stewardship

October 13th & 14th

Loose	$2,712.78
Envelopes	$2,047.00
Student	$70.78
World Youth Day	$300.00
Adopt a Seminarian	$30.00
Building Fund	$70.00
Total	$4,930.56

October, the Month of the Rosary

The rosary will be recited a half hour before each weekend Mass. Please offer to lead the rosary on the sign up sheet in the gathering area.

NCYC Bake Sale

Those who will be attending NCYC in Columbus, Ohio are having a bake sale Saturday & Sunday October 27th & 28th after the Masses. The proceeds will help defray the cost of meals.

Women's Encounter

Saturday, October 27th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. we will show an inspiring movie about Mother Teresa. Come and enjoy the company of other women. For more information, please call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.

The Stewardship Committee will host **OKTOBERFEST** on October 28th at 5:00 p.m. at OLBH. Brats, sauerkraut, red cabbage, Black Forest cake, and root beer will be served. Fr. Arnie will be back with his one-man polka band for your listening and dancing pleasure. $3.50 for adults, $1.50 for kids 6-12, under 6 free. Come one and all and have a barrel of fun!

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Winners

Congratulations to Cody Allen, the 11-year-old boys' winner, to Kevin Chamberlain, who took second place, and Lane Schroeder who took third! Celena Sass topped the 12–year-old girls' competition, and Kels Allen topped the 14-year-old boys' division. Cody, Celena and Kels went on to the District competition, again winning their divisions and advancing to the Regional competition. If they win at Regional, they will advance to the State competition at Pierre! Let's congratulate them on their achievements and wish them luck in the next round of competition.

Christmas Gifts Needed for Sturgis Senior Care Center

Clothing, socks, undershirts, pajamas, slippers, hair bands and barrettes, jewelry, body wash, body spray, lotion, shampoo, stuffed animals, knick knacks, Christmas cards and wrapping. All must be new or like new. A collection box will soon be placed in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please call Kathy VanAsma at 787-6218.

Single Spouses Luncheon
November 1st at Noon
in the Rectory

Catholic Social Services is forming a group for expectant mothers who are experiencing a stressful or unplanned pregnancy. Beginning October 29, the group will meet on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at the Rapid City Pubic Library. Topics of discussion will include self-care during pregnancy and information on parenting and adoption. Various speakers will offer resources and insights. Contact Kay Ermish at 605.348.6086 or at css@rapidnet.com for more information.

Are You a Divorced Catholic? Have you ever wondered about the annulment process, or nullity study, as it is officially called? In the next few weeks, some of the most common questions about annulment will be asked and answered in the bulletin. Then, on **Tuesday, October 30th, a presentation on Catholic Annulments will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City**. The presenters will be Fr. Dan Juelfs, Vicar General of the diocese, and Fr. Leo Hausmann, the Diocesan Judicial Vicar. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is recommended. To register, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541 or jslegner@diorc.org.

Employment Opportunity at the Cathedral

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Parish Administrator. The position requires an accounting degree or two years work experience in the field. The applicant must have a working knowledge of computers, MS Excel, MS Word. If you have any questions regarding the position or wish to request an application, please call Beth Strain, Parish Administrator at 342-0507.

The Rapid City Catholic School System seeks an aide to our Campus Minister for 10-20 hours per week. For further information call Mary Casey at 343-8484.

IHM SEMINARY VISIT

On November 2-5, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN, and the Office of Vocations will host a live-in weekend for young men, juniors or seniors in high school or college-age, who are interested in knowing more about seminary life. The weekend will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals, and prayer with college seminarians, plus time for recreation. There is **No Charge** for the weekend. We will leave Friday, November 2, and return Monday, November 5. If you are interested please contact Fr. Brian Christensen at 484-8940 or Godscall@diorc.org.

"The retreat process helped me to lay all my brokenness at the feet of Christ. I was able to ask Christ and my children for forgiveness." (Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat)

Forgiveness, healing, and hope are offered at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, a ministry for those affected by abortion. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. For information about local retreats contact Carol King at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: February 22-24, 2008 in Richardton, ND, and April 18-20, 2008 in Rapid City, SD.

Employment Opportunity at St. Martin's

A nursing assistant is needed at St. Martin's health care unit to assist five elderly sisters with their activities of daily living. Part-time day or evening shifts. For further information call Sister Teresa at 343-8011.

Faithful Citizenship
World Mission Sunday

Over the last thirty years, 48 million abortions have been performed on American women, and breast cancer incidence has risen 40%. Actuary Patrick Carroll, looking at data from several countries, concluded that abortion is the greatest predictor of a country's breast cancer rate. Over ten years ago, in 1996, Dr. Joel Brind and colleagues from Pennsylvania State University published a meta-analysis of all the known published studies on breast cancer that distinguished between induced and spontaneous abortions (miscarriages). That rigorous quantitative analysis demonstrated a 30% increased risk of breast cancer in women who had an induced abortion.

Abortion and Breast Cancer, the Link that Won't Go Away, Angela Lanfranchi, M.D., FACS., Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, USCCB. Respect Life 2007-08. (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

•Moses kept his hands raised up. (Exodus 17:12)
•Remain faithful. (2 Timothy 3:14)
•Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. (2 Timothy 4:2)
•Pray always. (Luke 18:1)
•Call out to him day and night. (Luke 18:7)

Reflection

•What is your prayer? How do you pray?
•How do you remove the obstacles, the distractions to prayer?
•Do you set aside a special time or place to pray regularly?
•Do you persist through times of spiritual dryness?
•Do you have regular prayer routine?

Spirituality without a prayer life is no spirituality at all, and it will not last beyond the first defeats. Prayer is an opening of the self so that the Word of God can break in and make us new. Prayer unmasks. Prayer converts. Prayer impels. Prayer sustains us on the way. Pray for the grace it will take to continue what you would like to quit. (Joan Chittister, O.S.B.)[1]

1Pratt, Loni Collins and Homan, Fr. Daniel, Benedict's Way, An Ancients Monk's Insights for a Balanced Life, Loyola Press, Chicago, 2000, p. 38.